

Be King Tide Ready

Are you aware several King Tides are expected to occur soon? This natural phenomenon takes place during the fall months when tidal forces from the sun and moon bring out the highest tides of the year, oftentimes leading to flooding.

Here are safety measures you can take in order to prevent any potentially dangerous outcomes:

• Jot down the King Tide dates on your 2019 calendar:

August 29 September 3 **September 26** - October 3

October 25 - 31

November 24 - 28

- Do not drive through floodwater. It may be deeper than it appears or it could contain debris that may damage your vehicle.
- Do not park your vehicle in low lying areas.
- Properties in low lying areas should use flood mitigation options such as sand bags.
- Prohibit children from playing in flood water. Again, there may be debris, in addition to wildlife or pollutants picked up from the environment.
- Relocate electrical panel boxes, water heaters, furnaces, washers and dryers to elevated locations.
- Be careful around manhole covers, as they can become dislodged by the high tides.
- Boaters should be aware that high tides cause lower clearance under bridges - check the tide before leaving the dock.

For tide predictions, please visit the National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration

